

Train for a career in nursing

A HARLOW hospital is offering students an opportunity to begin a career as a nurse.

The Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAHT) – in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University – is recruiting for an apprenticeship degree nurse training scheme.

It is the first hospital in Essex to have adopted the training programme.

The four-year scheme will see students undertake paid work as a clinical support worker while also attending university.

On successful completion of their studies, they will become a registered nurse with a BSc (Hons) degree, fully funded by the hospital, meaning that the students will not have accrued university debt.

Applications will close on Tuesday, August 4; to apply, visit the government apprenticeship website.

Successful applicants will be invited to a virtual interview with representative from Anglia Ruskin University and PAHT on Tuesday, September 1.

Proud headteacher sets off for pastures new in Dubai

‘I tell the children to take every opportunity and this is one of those for me’

By Lewis Berrill

A VILLAGE school headteacher is saying an emotional farewell to the community he loves.

Michael Clark leaves his role as headteacher at Roydon Primary Academy, in Roydon, this summer after four years at the helm.

He takes up post as deputy head of primary at the School of Research Science in Dubai, looking after more than 1,500 pupils, in August.

While he is excited to start a new chapter with his family, he is sad to be leaving the Roydon community behind.

He said: “I have mixed emotions about moving on; I am genuinely sad to leave.

“I like a challenge and when an opportunity like this turns up, I cannot turn it down. I tell the children to be the best they can be and to take every opportunity. This is one of those moments and as much as I love Roydon, Dubai popped up and it’s such an opportunity for me and my family to experience a different culture and to challenge ourselves.”

As he reaches the end of his final



Michael Clark will be deputy head of primary at the School of Research Science in Dubai.

Photos: Google Maps/Unsplash/Roydon Primary Academy

year at Roydon, Mr Clark is looking back on his team’s achievements.

He said: “The school has come a long way; the staff are happy the children are safe and get a much better standard of education. They are happy to come to school and are proud of their school. That is what I am most proud of.

“I am immensely proud of everything

we have achieved together in the last four years. The staff have done everything I have ever asked of them – and more – and I have asked a lot. They are a real asset to the school and really care about the place.”

Mr Clark, who is also parent to two Roydon pupils, is proud of the links the school has with its neighbourhood, with relationships with the local church and businesses.

With the coronavirus crisis having forced many aspects of life to move online, Mr Clark feels it will be eas-

ier than ever to keep in contact with his Roydon friends.

He said: “When you think that during the partial closure staff have been delivering and marking work for all children and we are all now used to this virtual world, the world seems a lot smaller which makes it easier to stay in contact.

“This is the strength of a school community; it’s a great example of when things happen unexpectedly, our community responds really well.”

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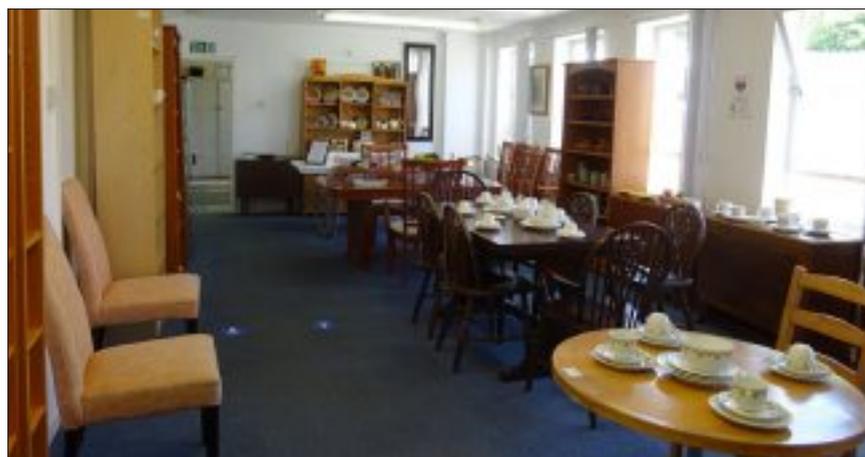
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Epping Forest Reuse is reopening following the coronavirus lockdown.

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Furniture charity reopens doors to public

AN EPPING charity which sells furniture at a discount to people on benefits has reopened.

Epping Forest Reuse has opened its doors after more than four months of coronavirus-enforced closure.

The charity, based in Bower Hill Industrial Estate, Epping, aims

to relieve the financial hardship of residents of Epping Forest by supplying, safe, clean furniture and tested household appliances at a discounted price to those who receive benefits, and by supplying free furniture to people who are referred by agencies. SAFETY measures have been

put in place to facilitate the reopening; customers are asked to use provided hand sanitiser, wear a face mask and to keep two metres social distance. The number of people in the shop at any one time is being limited so customers may need to ring the door bell on arrival.